

Application No. 10/696,653  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 29 to page 10, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The image quality metric  $J$  can also be calculated either optically or digitally using the expression introduced in:

$$J = \int |F\{\exp[i\gamma I(x, y)]\}|^4 dx dy$$

Where  $F$  is the Fourier transform operator and  $i\gamma$  is a parameter that is dependent upon the dynamic range of the used image.